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## In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Referring particularly to Figures 1-3, there is shown the first embodiment 10 of cutting template of this invention. The first embodiment 10 comprises a rigid, thin, metallic plate which is defined as a graspable handle 12. The graspable handle 12 includes a thumb rest section 14 and a forefinger abutting section 16. When using of the first embodiment 10 of this invention, the user or operator is to place the graspable handle 12 in conjunction with the user's left hand 18, as shown in Figure 2 of the drawings. The user's thumb 20 is to rest on the upper surface of the thumb rest section 14. The user's forefinger 22 is to be located against the undersurface of the forefinger abutting section 16. The forefinger abutting section 16 is defined as being planar, as is also the thumb rest section 14. The forefinger abutting section 16 is deflected at a about a ten to fifteen degree angle relative to the thumb rest section 14 forming a crease 24. The thumb rest section 14 is integrally connected to a guide plate 26 at an elongated <del>lineal</del> linear bend 28. The guide plate 26 is planar and is located at about one hundred fifteen to one hundred twenty degree angle relative to the thumb rest section

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14. The crease 24 is not parallel to the bend 28 but is angularly disposed and about fifteen degrees away from being parallel from the bend 28. This particular angular relationship for the crease 24 seems to be best suited for manual grasping of the graspable handle 12 by the operator.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--secured to the guide plate 64. Fixedly mounted on the undersurface of the elongated section 68 is a series of sharp pointed sawteeth 72. It is to be noted that the sawteeth 72 are in a lineal linear pattern wherein the first embodiment 10, as previously mentioned, the fore end of the elongated section 32 is curved in a downward direction. The reason for the downward direction in the first embodiment 10 is that it facilitates the digging in or securement of the sawteeth 38 into the meat section 40. However, such a curving of the elongated section 32 may not be required, as is shown in the second embodiment 52 of this invention. Usage of the second embodiment 52 is accomplished by the guide plate 64 being placed against an edge of the meat section 74 and then a meat piece 76 is then removed from the meat section 74 by movement of the knife blade 78 along the outside surface of the elongated section 68.--